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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the reference(s) cited on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents (except U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications) are attached.

These references have been cited in a Search Report received from the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) dated March 15, 2005. The search report has been prepared by the Austrian Patent Office contracted by the IPOS for this purpose. A copy of the search report is attached. The search report contains a concise explanation as to the relevance of the references. Please note the US 5,046,878 is the equivalent of EP 0 348 060 listed in the Search Report. Also note that DE 295 00 727 listed in the Search Report is not submitted as this reference has already been submitted to the USPTO on 7/30/04.

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It is herewith stated that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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